

**Submission
No 109**

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE
WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL**

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As a long time resident of the Blue Mountains I frequently visit the river valleys of the Kowmung and Cox rivers with my family for recreational bushwalking.

I am very concerned at the NSW state government's plans to raise the Warragamba dam wall as this will result in flooding of the lower reaches of the Kowmung, Cox, Nattai and Wollandilly rivers. These river valleys contain important aboriginal sacred sites as well as rare and threatened plant and animal species.

Additionally the World Heritage values of this area will most certainly be adversely affected.

I would like to appeal to the NSW State government not to go ahead with the planned raising of the dam wall.